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Supplemental Request for Change of Oral Hearing Date

Dear Sir or Madam

1. **Current Oral Hearing Date.** A Notice of Hearing was mailed in the above-captioned appeal on October 30, 2006 setting an Oral Hearing date of December 12, 2006. On November 20, 2006, the undersigned transmitted by facsimile a Confirmation of Attendance at the Oral Hearing. On November 29, Appellant filed a Request for Change of Oral Hearing Date. On December 6, the undersigned received a telephone message from the USPTO asking for more details concerning the reasons for Appellant's Request.

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2. Detailed Reasons for Request For Change of Oral Hearing Date. The reason that the undersigned has an irreconcilable conflict, such that attendance at the Oral Hearing on the date assigned (i.e., December 12, 2006) is not possible is that the undersigned will be accompanying his father, who has been diagnosed with an uncommon form of cancer, to Tampa, Florida (from Connecticut) for various tests and consultation with a doctor in Tampa who specializes in the particular form of cancer in question. The undersigned is therefore unavailable from December 11-13. The undersigned prefers not to send substitute counsel, since the undersigned is the one who drafted and prosecuted the application to date, and is very familiar with the technology and legal issues involved in the appeal. The undersigned does not want to risk prejudicing his client's interests by sending an attorney to the hearing who is not as familiar with the application and the technology at issue. As such, Appellant hereby respectfully asks that a new date be set for the Oral Hearing. Should any further information be required, Appellant invites the Board to contact the undersigned at the below telephone number.
3. Fee. If any fee is required in connection with this filing, please charge Deposit Account No. 19-4516.

Respectfully submitted,



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